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[Report No. 109–619]

To designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2005

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington (for himself, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. INSLEE, Miss McMORRIS, Mr. OTTER, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr. WU) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

Additional sponsors: Mr. REHBERG and Mr. WALDEN of Oregon

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 26, 2005]

A BILL

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and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Ice Age Floods National*
 3 *Geologic Route Designation Act of 2006”.*

4 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

5 *The purpose of this Act is to designate the Ice Age*
 6 *Floods National Geologic Route in the States of Montana,*
 7 *Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, enabling the public to*
 8 *view, experience, and learn about the Ice Age Floods’ fea-*
 9 *tures and story through the collaborative efforts of public*
 10 *and private entities.*

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

12 *As used in this Act:*

13 (1) *ROUTE.*—*The term “Route” means the Ice*
 14 *Age Floods National Geologic Route designated in sec-*
 15 *tion 4.*

16 (2) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
 17 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

18 (3) *FLOODS.*—*The term “Ice Age Floods” or*
 19 *“floods” means the cataclysmic floods that occurred in*
 20 *what is now the northwestern United States during*
 21 *the last Ice Age primarily from massive, rapid and*
 22 *recurring drainage of Glacial Lake Missoula.*

23 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF THE ICE AGE FLOODS NATIONAL**
 24 **NATIONAL GEOLOGIC ROUTE.**

25 (a) *DESIGNATION.*—*In order to provide for the public*
 26 *appreciation, education, understanding, and enjoyment,*

1 *through a coordinated interpretive program of certain na-*
2 *tionally significant natural and cultural sites associated*
3 *with Ice Age Floods that are accessible generally by public*
4 *roads, the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Na-*
5 *tional Park Service, with the concurrence of the agency hav-*
6 *ing jurisdiction over such roads, is authorized to designate,*
7 *by publication of a map or other description thereof in the*
8 *Federal Register, a vehicular tour route along existing pub-*
9 *lic roads linking such natural and cultural sites. Such route*
10 *shall be known as the “Ice Age Floods National Geologic*
11 *Route”.*

12 (b) *LOCATION.*—*The location of the Route shall gen-*
13 *erally follow public roads and highways from the vicinity*
14 *of Missoula in western Montana, across northern Idaho,*
15 *through eastern and southern sections of Washington, and*
16 *across northern Oregon in the vicinity of the Willamette*
17 *Valley and the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean, as gen-*
18 *erally depicted on the map titled “Ice Age Floods National*
19 *Geologic Trial”, numbered P43/80,000, and dated June*
20 *2004.*

21 (c) *MAPS.*—

22 (1) *REVISIONS.*—*The Secretary may revise the*
23 *map by publication in the Federal Register of a no-*
24 *tice of availability of a new map, as needed, in co-*

1 *operation with Federal, State, local, or tribal govern-*
2 *ments, and other public or private entities.*

3 (2) *AVAILABILITY.—Any map referred to in*
4 *paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for public*
5 *inspection in the appropriate offices of the National*
6 *Park Service.*

7 (d) *DESCRIPTION OF SITES; PLAN; INTERPRETIVE*
8 *PROGRAM.—*

9 (1) *DESCRIPTION OF SITES; PLAN.—Not later*
10 *than 3 years after the date that funds become avail-*
11 *able for this Act, the Secretary shall prepare a de-*
12 *scription of sites along the Route and general plan*
13 *which shall include the location and description of*
14 *each of the following:*

15 (A) *Unique geographic or geologic features*
16 *and significant landforms.*

17 (B) *Important cultural resources.*

18 (2) *INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM.—The general plan*
19 *shall include proposals for a comprehensive interpre-*
20 *tive program of the Route.*

21 (3) *TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Sec-*
22 *retary shall transmit the description of sites and gen-*
23 *eral plan to the Committee on Resources of the United*
24 *States House of Representative and the Committee on*

1 *Energy and Natural Resources of the United States*
2 *Senate.*

3 (4) *CONSULTATION.*—*The description of sites*
4 *and plan shall be prepared in consultation with other*
5 *Federal agencies, the State of Montana, the State*
6 *Idaho, the State of Washington, and the State of Or-*
7 *egon, units of local governments, tribal governments,*
8 *interested private citizens, and nonprofit organiza-*
9 *tions, and the Ice Age Floods Institute.*

10 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION.**

11 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary, acting through the*
12 *Director of the National Park Service, shall administer a*
13 *program to interpret the Route in accordance with this Act.*

14 (b) *PUBLIC EDUCATION.*—*With respect to sites linked*
15 *by segments of the Route which are administered by other*
16 *Federal, State, tribal, and local nonprofit or private enti-*
17 *ties, the Secretary is authorized to provide technical assist-*
18 *ance in the development of interpretive devices and mate-*
19 *rials pursuant to cooperative agreements with such entities.*
20 *The Secretary, in cooperation with Federal, State, tribal,*
21 *or local governments or nonprofit or private entities, shall*
22 *prepare and distribute information for the public apprecia-*
23 *tion of sites along the Route.*

24 (c) *MARKERS.*—*The Secretary shall ensure that the*
25 *Route is marked with appropriate markers to guide the*

1 *public. With the concurrence and assistance of the State,*
 2 *tribal, or local entity having jurisdiction over the roads des-*
 3 *ignated as part of the Route, the Secretary may erect there-*
 4 *on signs and other informational devices displaying the Ice*
 5 *Age Floods National Geologic Route marker. The Secretary*
 6 *is authorized to accept the donation of suitable signs and*
 7 *other informational devices for placement at appropriate*
 8 *locations.*

9 (d) *PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act*
 10 *shall be construed to require any private property owner*
 11 *to allow public access (including Federal, State or local gov-*
 12 *ernment access) to such private property or to modify any*
 13 *provision of Federal, State or local law with regard to pub-*
 14 *lic access to or use of private lands.*

15 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 *There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary*
 17 *\$250,000 for each fiscal year to carry out this Act.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Route, and for other purposes.”.

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